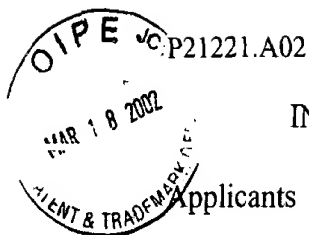


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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, and supplemental to the Information Disclosure Statement filed in the instant application on January 16, 2002, Applicant hereby calls the following documents, which were cited in a United Kingdom Search Report dated February 26, 2002, for Application No. GB 0124984.6, to the Examiner's attention:

European Patent Application No. 0 371 460 A2 to SEIKO EPSON CORPORATION, which was published on June 6, 1990, was cited as an X-Category document (i.e., document indicating lack of novelty or inventive step) with respect to at least claim 1 of the British application. The British Examiner indicated Figure 1 and page 9, lines 13-20, 36-40 to be relevant;

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U.S. Patent No. 6,089,713 to HOF et al., which issued on July 18, 2000, was cited as an X-Category document (i.e., document indicating lack of novelty or inventive step) with respect to at least claim 1 of the British application. The British Examiner indicated column 3, lines 13-16, 53-58 to be relevant.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents, as well as a copy of the U.K. Search Report, are enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner and in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98. Further, the patent documents are listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to Applicant with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Applicant notes that an Office Action on the merits has not yet issued in the instant application, and thus, no fee is necessary to ensure consideration of this statement. However, if an Office Action has issued and is crossing in the mail with this statement, the

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Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account 19-0089 any amount necessary to ensure consideration to the submitted materials.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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